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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PLANS, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

SUBJECT: (SECRET) Provision of Support to the CIA

1. Headquarters, United States Air Forces in Europe (USAFE), has recently requested guidance from this Headquarters regarding the furnishing of support to Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) activities in Europe, the Near East and North Africa. As the major air command in the area, that Headquarters is responsible for directing the provision of air support to operating elements of your Agency and for the preparation and submission of quarterly consolidated statements of services and supplies rendered.

2. Headquarters, USAFE, has been informed by representatives of the Senior CIA Representative, [ ] that that office in [ ] will coordinate and consolidate all CIA requests for air support in the USAFE area of jurisdiction. In furtherance of this policy Headquarters, USAFE, requested that CIA, [ ], furnish information regarding requirements for support in the entire USAFE area. The Senior Representative, [ ] has been unable to accomplish this, however, due to the non-centralized nature of CIA command channels in the area.

3. It appears that a misunderstanding possibly exists regarding the responsibility of the Senior Representative, [ ] to coordinate CIA requests for air support in the USAFE area of responsibility, i.e., Europe, the Near East, and North Africa. Should the policy, as understood by Headquarters, USAFE, be in error, it is requested that this Headquarters be so informed. If each Senior CIA Representative in Europe, the Near East and North Africa is charged with the responsibility for assuring adequate air support in his area it is submitted that Headquarters, USAFE, must establish effective secure liaison with the offices of those personnel.

4. Any action to alter the present arrangement in Europe will be withheld pending receipt of your reply to this memorandum.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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